

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-11 (canceled).

12. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim ~~11~~ 24, characterized in that the insert (3) is elastically deformable and has a volume which is substantially equal to the inside volume of the receptacle (1).

13. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim ~~11~~ 24, characterized in that the insert (3) is rigid, and has a volume which is determined as a function of the inside volume of the receptacle (1) in such a manner as to limit compression of the receptacle and thus limit the size of the dose of substance (L) that can be dispensed.

14. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim ~~11~~ 24, characterized in that the geometry of the insert (3) is determined so as to leave at least one preferred zone for deformation of the wall (1a, 1b) of the receptacle (1).

15. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 14, characterized in that said preferred zone for deformation is constituted by a peripheral groove (30) formed substantially halfway along the insert (3) and of dimensions that are appropriate for being held in the hand.

16. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim ~~11~~ 24, characterized in that the insert (3) is made out of a material that, on coming into contact with the substance (L), presents action that is bactericidal and/or chemical.

17. (Currently Amended) A system according claim ~~14~~ 24, characterized in that said insert (3) is made of a porous or spongy material capable of being impregnated by the liquid substance (L).

18. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 17, characterized in that the porosity of the material constituting the insert lies in the range 40% to 60%, and its pore diameter lies in the range 5  $\mu\text{m}$  to 60  $\mu\text{m}$ .

19. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim ~~14~~ 24, characterized in that said insert (3) is made as a single piece.

20. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim ~~14~~ 24, characterized in that said insert (3) is made in the form of a filling of a plurality of pieces.

21. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 16 wherein said insert is made out of a material that, on coming into contact with the substance (L), presents an action that is chemical with the proviso that said chemical action is an antioxidant action.

Claims 22-23 (Cancelled).

24. (Previously presented) A system for conserving a liquid substance (L) in a flexible receptacle (1), said substance being liable to degradation and/or contamination on contact with ambient air, the system being characterized in that it comprises a solid insert (3) and said liquid substance (L) within said receptacle (1) wherein said insert has an outer shape which substantially matches the inside shape of the receptacle (1), said insert being made of material having an anti-

degradation and/or anti-contamination property whereby said insert protects said liquid from said degradation and/or said contamination upon making contact with said substance (L) over a large interchange area; and wherein the insert is free to move inside the receptacle.

25. (New) A system for conserving a liquid substance (L) in a flexible receptacle (1), said substance being liable to degradation and/or contamination on contact with ambient air, the system being characterized in that it comprises a solid insert (3) within said receptacle (1) wherein said insert has an outer shape which substantially matches the inside shape of the receptacle (1) said insert being made of material having an anti-degradation and/or anti-contamination property whereby said insert protects said liquid from said degradation and/or said contamination upon making contact with said substance (L) over a large interchange area; and wherein the insert is free to move inside the receptacle;

with the proviso that the insert (3) is rigid, and has a volume which is determined as a function of the inside volume of the receptacle (1) in such a manner as to limit compression of the receptacle and thus limit the size of the dose of substance (L) that can be dispensed.